

HOUSE RESOLUTION 40

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Centennial Commemoration of
the Navy Reserve.

WHEREAS, from the birth of our great nation, brave citizens have answered the call to service at sea; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson first proposed a national naval militia in 1805. Reserve sailors augmented the Navy during the Civil War, and an estimated 4,215 militia members worked in concord with the Navy during the Spanish-American War in 1898; and

WHEREAS, Congress officially established a federal naval reserve in 1915. In the ensuing years, Navy Reserve sailors have participated in every military conflict, with more than 300,000 Navy Reserve sailors serving valiantly in World War I, and over two million serving throughout the course of World War II, including presidents John F. Kennedy and George H. W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Navy Reservists were called to duty in Korea and Vietnam, and 22,000 volunteers were mobilized for the first Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, since September 2001, more than 70,000 Navy Reserve sailors have been called to duty in support of littoral combat ships, mission modules, unmanned air systems, cyber warfare, and ballistic missile defense; and

WHEREAS, Navy Reserve sailors are highly skilled professionals from diverse backgrounds who encourage ingenuity and inspire innovation in Navy and Joint Forces operations; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Reserve stands ready to deliver strategic depth and operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps, whether in peacetime or war, and the Volunteer State is home to four Navy operational support centers; and

WHEREAS, the *esprit de corps* evinced by Navy Reserve sailors over the last one hundred years reflects the spirit and strength of the American ideal, and the members of this legislative body are especially pleased to honor their selfless service to our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the members of the United States Navy Reserve in celebrating the Centennial Commemoration of the Navy Reserve on March 3, 2015, and salute the valuable contributions of Tennessee's Navy Reserve sailors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.